

out of gray, freshly pressed, and a light felt hat set jauntily on a mass of yellow curls. He was ruddy cheeked and blue eyed and Popper was impressed by his fair good looks. Walking beside this young man was a sandy haired youth of medium height and a black suit and wearing a little black slouch hat.

POLICEMAN SEES THE HOLD-UP AND FLIGHT.

Whether or not they had been standing on the corner waiting to see him come along, Popper could not tell. In exchanging greetings with Egan and Philip J. Curry, who has a real estate office at No. 402 West Seventeenth street, he had failed to glance toward the corner. Curry and Egan and Patromen Martin of the West Twentieth street station, the latter scarcely half a block away, and entering along swinging his Billy, all saw what happened when Popper came abreast with the two young men.

The tall blond was nearest the merchant, and when he came within arm's reach his right hand flashed out of his jacket pocket and he seized his black slouch for the big, broad-shouldered merchant's head. Popper threw up his hand which held the satchel to ward off the blow, and as he did so the smaller of the two thugs sprang in on him, grabbed the satchel and tore it free, leaving the handle still in Popper's grasp.

HAT SAVES VICTIM FROM SERIOUS WOUND.

The merchant had caught the blow of the blow on the hat and his arm was bent down as the satchel was torn from him. The tall blond swung his loaded weapon again and brought it crashing down on Popper's head. His hat was probably all that saved his skull from being split open. As it was he was beaten to his knees and fell out on his hands on the pavement as his assailant turned and sprinted after his companion.

The suddenness of the assault and its daring for a moment stunned the two storekeepers grouped on both sides of Seventeenth street and at the Ninth avenue corner. Policeman Martin even had been scarcely able to believe his eyes, and the two thugs were turning the corner of Ninth avenue before he got under way. There were a dozen yelling men in front of him, with scores of others rushing out of stores and tumbling from doorways by the time he rounded Shay's saloon and headed up Ninth avenue.

He turned in the face of the pair of robbers leap into a big red six-cylinder Packard car and he could hear the blond bandit scream at the chauffeur: "For God sake let her out and to hell with the crowd," he said in the driver's ear.

CAR IS HALTED IN MIDDLE OF BLOCK.

The car was stalled on the west side of the way between Seventeenth street and Eleventh street, pointed southward. A hunched up little man with a hat pulled down over his eyes was at the wheel. The engine was drumming under a full head of power and it only remained for the chauffeur to throw in the clutch.

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One of the bandit's bullets smashed through the window of Max Waldman's little notions store at No. 111 Ninth avenue, caused against an alarm clock and then bored through the showpiece which Max Waldman was examining at the time. It was a snub-nosed bullet of .44 caliber.

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An automobile dealer was positive that the car was a Packard of the make of a few years ago and said that it should be easy to identify it as a Packard by the radiator and the hood was badly dented on the left side.

The only effort made to check the rush of the two robbers to their automobile proved a disastrous experience to little Thomas Carroll, an errand boy employed in McNelly's grocery store at No. 111 Ninth avenue. The boy was standing on the curb a dozen yards from the automobile as the two bandits ran along. He caught at the contents of the bludge and the next instant he was rolling in the gutter, blinded by stars and reeling moons. The bandit had swung his bat on Tommy's

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News of Event at Wimbledon, England, Is Cabled to Grandmother.

NAME NOT YET CHOSEN.

Mother and Child Are Expected to Visit This Country Soon.

Cablegrams announce the birth of a son to Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt at Casar's Camp, Wimbledon, Surrey, England.

The first in America to hear the news was Mrs. Vanderbilt's mother, Mrs. C. Hazeltine Basher of Baltimore, who expects that as soon as Mrs. Vanderbilt and the young heir are able to travel they will come to this country and go straight to the Maryland city. Mrs. Basher's cable came from Betchworth, England, not far from which point Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt have been spending the summer in their Thames houseboat. Both mother and child are reported as doing well.

Apparently no name has been chosen for the baby, who will succeed his father as the head of the Vanderbilt family.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt have been married and divorced. Mrs. Vanderbilt, the daughter of Mrs. Basher and her former husband, Capt. Isaac E. Basher of Baltimore, was Mrs. Margaret Emerson McKim, wife of Dr. Smith McKim McKim. She married him Dec. 20, 1907, and obtained a divorce from him in Reno on the grounds of insanity in 1910. Dr. McKim subsequently sued Mr. Vanderbilt for \$100,000 for alleged alienation of his wife's affections, but the case was settled privately out of court in February, 1911.

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Mr. Vanderbilt and Mrs. McKim were married Dec. 17, 1911, at Reigate, twenty-five miles from London.

AMBASSADOR THREATENS TO RELEASE AMERICAN BY AID OF U. S. MARINES.

Wilson, at Mexico City, Ready for Action Against Governor Who Ignores Demand.

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 22.—The United States Ambassador, Henry Lane Wilson, today declared he would not long defer definite action in the interest of W. C. Nicholas, the American fruit grower now in the Tampico jail. Gov. Matias Guerra of the State of Tamaulipas has not replied to the United States Ambassador's demand for Nicholas's removal from the jail, and Mr. Wilson today manifested his impatience at the delay. He said in the event of further delay his action would be in line with the determination he announced on Saturday to secure Nicholas's release from jail even if it should become necessary to land marines from the cruiser Des Moines, now in port at Tampico.

RED SOX ARRIVAL HOME DELAYED BY TRAIN WRECK.

BOSTON, Sept. 21.—Because of a wreck on the New York Central, near Rochester, N. Y., today, the special train on which the champion Boston Red Sox were to reach here by 2:30 this afternoon was delayed nearly two hours. It was planned to have the players driven through the city in automobiles and brought to Boston Common, where Mayor Fitzgerald was to tender the thanks of the municipality to the players who have won for Boston its third American League championship in a dozen years and Boston's fifteen major league championship since 1872.

115 DROWNED IN WRECK.

Victims Lost From Russian Steam-er in Collision.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 22.—The steamer Obnovka was sunk in a collision on the River Dvina today. One hundred and fifteen persons were drowned.

Law and it was fully ten minutes later before the youth recovered his senses and could tell of the encounter.

The victim of the robbery has a lump as big as a man's egg over the right temple where the second blow of the slungshot landed. Powerful a man as he is, he was so badly stunned that he could take no part in the pursuit. By the time he had picked himself up and turned the Ninth avenue corner the red automobile was receding round the corner of Sixteenth street, with Policeman Martin puffing behind it and peeping the back of the car.

While the policeman is not sure any of his bullets bored into the framework of the car he hopes there is at least one bullet scar to help identify it.

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